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I have, &c.,

EDWARD WINGFIELD,

For the Secretary of State.

The Officer Administering the Government of New Zealand.

No. 39.

(No. 83.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 24th December, 1898.

I have the honour to acquaint you that an application has been received from the Belgian Chargé d'Affaires at this Court for the issue of an exequatur to enable Mr. J. Burns to act as Consul of Belgium at Auckland.

As this gentleman appears to be resident in the colony under your government, I am to request you to report whether you are aware, or not, of any objection to his appointment; and, if not, you will recognise him provisionally in that capacity until the arrival of the exequatur.

I have, &c.,

EDWARD WINGFIELD,

For the Secretary of State.

The Officer Administering the Government of New Zealand.

No. 40.

(No. 84.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 26th December, 1898.

I have the honour to acquaint you that an application has been received from the Belgian Chargé d'Affaires at this Court for the issue of an exequatur to enable Mr. J. J. Kinsey to act as Consul for Belgium at Christchurch.

As this gentleman appears to be resident in the colony under your government, I am to request you to report whether you are aware, or not, of any objection to his appointment; and if not, you will recognise him provisionally in that capacity until the arrival of the exequatur.

I have, &c.,

EDWARD WINGFIELD,

For the Secretary of State.

The Officer Administering the Government of New Zealand.

No. 41.

(No. 85.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 30th December, 1898.

In reply to your despatch (No. 72) of the 3rd ultimo, I have the honour to inform you that Her Majesty the Queen has been graciously pleased to approve the grant of the title "Royal" to the proposed Humane Society of New Zealand. A.—1, 1899,
No. 21.

2. I have to add that it would not be in accordance with precedent for Her Majesty to become the patron of the society.

I have, &c.,

J. CHAMBERLAIN.

Governor the Right Hon. the Earl of Ranfurly, &c.

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